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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT TO KABUL

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JANUARY 15. MFA DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS, FARUK CELILOGLU, SAID THE IMPORTANCE OF FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN LIES PRIMARILY IN THE REINFORCING EFFECT IT HAS ON THE ALREADY EXTREMELY GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND AFGHANISTAN. CELILOGLU SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON A POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT HAD BEGUN TOO LATE FOR COMPLETION DURING THE VISIT, BUT IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WOULD BE COMPLETED DURING A VISIT OF TECHNICIANS TO TURKEY IN MARCH.

2. WITH RESPECT TO AFGHAN-PAKISTANI RELATIONS, CELILIGLU SAID CAGLAYANGIL HAD NOT TRIED TOMEDIATE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THESE TWO FRIENDS OF TURKEY. HE SAID TURKEY'S EXPERIENCE OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS IN TRYING TO MEDIATE
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THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ HAD CONVINCED THE

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GOT THAT IT SHOULD NOT TAKE ON THE ROLE OF AN INTER-
MEDIARY IN THIS SITUATION. NEVERTHELESS, CAGLAYANGIL
DID CONVEY TO THE AFGHANS THE PAKISTANIS' VIEW CONCERNING
THE DISPUTE, AND URGED A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE.
CELILIGLU SAID THAT IT WAS THE IMPRESSION OF THE TURKISH
DELEGATION THAT THE AFGHANS WERE, AS A RESULT OF
CAGLAYANGIL'S APPROACH, PERHAPS CLOSER TO BEING PREPARED
TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PAKISTANIS THAN THEY
HAD BEEN. CELILOGLU SAID, HOWEVER, THAT NO CONCRETE
PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE.
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